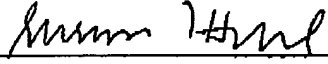


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action (Restriction Requirement) dated January 12, 2006 received in the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the accompanying remarks. Included with this Response is a Request for Extension of Time for 4 month(s) and the appropriate fee. This Response therefore is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2. **Remarks** begin on page 4.

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